

IRONWOOD FOREST NATIONAL MONUMENT
INFORMATION MEETING
FEBRUARY 2001
PINAL AIR PARK, MARANA

Topics discussed at the February information meeting included a January cooperative trash clean up on the Ironwood Forest National Monument, and the building of an electric power plant near Eloy.

Tony Herrell opened the meeting with a summary of the trash cleanup, and requested questions and comments.

Dan Moore–BLM Hydrologist–then presented before and after photographs of the trash cleanup, thanking the Arizona State Land Department, as well as the involved public groups for their participation. Moore’s presentation addressed pre-cleanup problems including household garbage, hazardous materials, a shooting range, and other trash.

Tony Herrell followed Moore’s presentation with the introduction of Tom Wray, the representative of Southwestern Power Group II LLC.

Wray gave a presentation of the community, economic, and power benefits offered by the proposed Toltec Power Station, as well as the projected impacts, as assessed by the environmental studies done by the company’s contracted environmental consultants. The presentation addressed the roles of a wholesale power provider, the power grid, affects to the Ironwood Forest National Monument and Marana area residents, land use, water resources, visual and cultural impacts, sound levels, and biological impacts. Wray’s presentation also described the permitting and public review processes.

Following Wray’s presentation was a comment, question, and answer session, in which concerns of CAP water use, pygmy owls, pollinators, evaporation ponds, water rights, Southwestern Power Group II LLC’s parent company and its intentions, power recipients, affects on livestock feed, plant construction and dimensions, power production, and alternative sources of power were discussed.

For more information regarding Toltec Power Station, Tom Wray can be reached at the toll free number 1-866-279-4289, or you can visit the Southwestern Power Group II LLC website at www.southwestern.com .

For more information regarding this or upcoming meetings, or the Ironwood Forest National Monument, please contact Acting Monument Manager Tony Herrell at (520) 258-7203, or visit the BLM website at www.blm.az.gov.

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